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The Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson 720 Hart Senate Office Building Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am writing to express my strong support for Faith Regional Health Services and its pursuit of federal funding assistance for FY2010. As you may know, Faith Regional has been delivering health care to the residents of northeast Nebraska since 1923, and today, as a regional referral center, it serves a population of over 100,000 people within a 75-mile radius.

Faith Regional is in the midst of a \$10M electronic health record implementation, and it would like to extend the benefits of this system to its rural partners in northeast Nebraska. Faith has a long history of leadership in expanding access to and enhancing the quality of care in our region. This most recent endeavor only builds on prior investments in education, technology, and clinical outreach and will provide our rural hospitals and clinics with needed medical imaging technology and other important benefits.

I appreciate your consideration of Faith Regional's application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all the best.

Yours very truly,

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